

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, DATED 12.24

PROSPECTS OF WHEAT CROP, SEASON 1927-28.

I have the honor respectfully to report having obtained reports respecting the conditions of the crops in all the important Wheat Hundreds of the State. The reports represent the conditions as at 30th September or thereabouts.

GENERAL REVIEW OF STATE. The season appears to be the worst since 1919 being in many respects similar to that season when only 7½ bushels average was reaped. The present prospects are depressing. Taking a most optimistic review of the reports the expectations for the whole State as at 30th September are not greater than for a 7 bushel average or 20,000,000 bushels with a very low hay cut. Rain during the next week would probably improve this average. If it does not fall by then the average will be something less than 7.

Note. Area sown 3,166,000 acres, increase 163,000 acres. Grain approximately 2,900,000 acres.

Details respecting Counties as at 30th September or thereabouts.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

County Ayre. Generally only fair with good prospects near ranges, water carting in places.

County Fergusson. Fairly good, but well below average.

County Gawler. Fair to good.

County Hindmarsh. Crops still holding but rain needed.

County Light. Good to very good.

County Stuart. Generally fair to good, poor in many hundreds.

LOWER NORTH DIVISION. County Burra. Fair to good. County Daly. Many failures if rain holds off much longer. At present fairly good with bad in places.

County Kimberley. Probable failure.

Counties Stanley and Victoria. Fairly good with averages about ½ of normal. Rather bad in vicinity of Crystal Brook and Wandearah.

UPPER NORTH DIVISION.

Counties Blachford, Granville, Hanson and Herbert. Probable failures.

Counties Dalhousie, Frome and Newcastle. Fairly good specially near the hills. Some hundreds are bad, and crops have fallen off.

SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION.

Generally a good season. Wheat in County Buckingham said to be the best on record.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Counties Buxton, Dufferin, Hopetoun, Kintore, LeHunte, Musgrave, Robinson and Why. In these Counties there are many failures. The conditions can only be said to be fair with averages below the normal.

Counties Flinders and Jervois. Prospects fair to good though some hundreds are badly affected.

MURRAY MARLBOROUGH DIVISION.

Counties Albert and Alfred. Reports show many total failures. Not much more than seed expected.

County Buedleuch. Fair; may improve if rain falls shortly.

County Chandos. Fairly good, may improve with rain.

County Russell. Prospects poor.

Statistical Office.

Statistical Office,

Adelaide.

13th October, 1927.

GOVERNMENT STATIST.

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